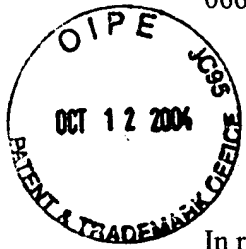


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U.S. Patent Serial No.: 10/081,620  
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Examiner: Etienne Pierre LeRoux  
Group No.: 2171  
Confirmation No.: 9692  
Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING  
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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION  
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For reasons set forth below, it is respectfully requested that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) file for this application be promptly forwarded to Examiner Etienne Pierre LeRoux, for confirmation that the reference listed on PTO-1449 attached to the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 31, 2004 has been considered.

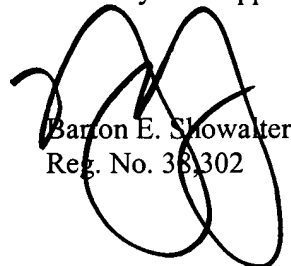
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An Office Action for this application was mailed on September 23, 2004. However, Examiner Etienne Pierre LeRoux has not returned a copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating consideration of the reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 31, 2004.

Accordingly, **Applicants hereby request confirmation of consideration of the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement.** Examiner Etienne Pierre LeRoux is requested to initial the reference listed on the PTO-1449 form to show that it was appropriately considered during examination of this Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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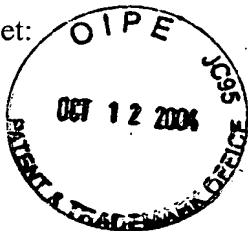
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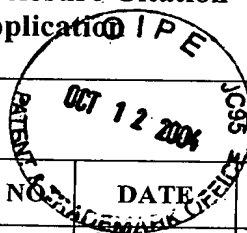
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